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Dear Mr. Rommel:

This is in reply to your request of 17 January 1973 for our views on the Department of Justice's draft revision of Title 18, United States Code.

Enclosed are specific recommendations for changes in Chapter 2 entitled "Federal Criminal Jurisdiction," and in Chapter 11 entitled "Offenses Involving National Security." We are not commenting on the other Chapters of the draft revision, believing that they are generally outside the purview of this Agency's interest.

This Agency has been working for many years on the issues dealt with in Chapter 11, first with the Brown Commission and later with the Justice Department Task Unit. The focus of our work in this connection has been on those problems which are of particular interest to this Agency and to the intelligence community in general. The Brown Commission adopted a number of our suggestions for improvement in the laws in this respect. Further suggestions were incorporated by the Task Unit in the instant draft revision.

We believe that enactment of Chapter 11 with the changes as we have suggested in the enclosure would constitute a most significant improvement in the laws protecting national security information. Consequently, we strongly recommend support of the provisions of Chapter 11 with the changes we have suggested.

Sincerely,



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